

NEWS CULLED IN THE CAPITAL

ACTIVITIES OF STATE DEPARTMENTS—OTHER HAPPENINGS

Special Columbus Correspondent.

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK A. HUNTER of Franklin county has started a fight to compel the state printing commission to contract for the Ohio railroad pocket and wall maps ordered issued by the general assembly. An appropriation of \$9,000 was made for these maps by the legislature. This was to cover the expense of giving each legislator 150 maps to distribute among his constituents. The members of the printing commission are Auditor of State Donahy, Attorney General Turner and Secretary of State Hildebrandt. Assistant Attorney General Ballard represents Turner on the commission. Donahy and Ballard voted against issuing the maps. In a letter to Turner Representative Hunter questions the right of the commission to refuse to contract for the maps, and contends that such a policy on the part of the commission is in violation of the mandate of the legislature which created the commission. He demands that the legislative order be complied with. It is probable that Donahy and Turner will stand pat and refuse to allow the issue of the maps.

Praises Administration Board.
In a report just filed with Gov. Willis Auditor of State Donahy says that the 18 state institutions under the control of the state board of administration are well managed and that politics no longer enters into such management. This is the first examination ever made of these institutions. While a few practices were found which are criticized, the main part of the administration board is praised. The report says that citizens should remember that the control and administration of Ohio's benevolent, correctional and penal institutions is the biggest problem of state government.

Coal Output Falls Off.
Ohio's coal production in 1914 was reduced to 13,736,407 tons, nearly one-half that of 1913, owing to the strike of the miners in April, 1914, and subsequent idleness, according to a report made public here Wednesday by the state industrial commission. The number of miners employed was 46,956 and the average pay of each for the year was only \$357. Ohio's production was 4.4 per cent of the total bituminous coal output of the United States last year, although in 1913 it was 7.6 per cent, the report declares. Pick miners worked an average of 150 days in the year and loaders only 101 days.

Followed Instructions.
Folks sometimes take things too literally. Here's an example: A Postoria man sent \$5 to State Registrar W. H. Walker for a new automobile license. He gave some information about his car but not enough to enable the registrar to fill out an application blank for his license, and so the registrar replied, sending a blank and advising that in returning it the serial number of the car, which is put on by the manufacturer, should be given. The instructions were slightly misunderstood. Instead of entering on the blank the serial number, the owner pried off the plate on which the number was inscribed and sent it along to the registrar with the application. Mr. Walker returned the plate and told the sender that the department wanted only to know what the number was and did not wish the plate at all.

File Bills for Services.
C. A. Reid of Washington C. H. and J. Howard Seibert of Columbus Wednesday filed bills of \$1,400 which they assert is due for attorney services for gathering evidence against Byron M. Glendening, member of the state liquor licensing board, and a number of county board members, whose removal was sought by Gov. Willis because of their interest in the referendum on the McDermott license law. Auditor Donahy said he would take some time to consider whether payment should be made, inasmuch as the supreme court did not sustain the governor's contentions that the licensing officials should be removed.

Ask for Relief.
The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. has filed with the public utilities commission a number of petitions asking to be relieved of the necessity of making its cars stop at switch tracks on the Wheeling & Lake Erie, Baltimore & Ohio, Akron & Barberton Belt and Erie railroads, in or near Canton, Akron, Barberton and other localities.

Board Members Appointed.
W. J. Rudy, Republican, Millersburg, and Julius Voltz, Wineburg, Democrat, have been appointed members of the Holmes county liquor licensing board by the state board. Rudy was appointed for four years and Voltz for two years.

To Locate a Central Building.
G. D. McGill of Chicago, who is the international field secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and C. H. Lichte of Ashland, O., who is the Ohio secretary, are here making a survey for use in connection with a proposition to locate here a central Y. M. C. A. building separate and apart from the Columbus building, and for the general use of the organization in the east Mississippi valley. Such a building as is contemplated will probably cost a half million dollars or more. Columbus may not get it, but some central position in the area will probably be chosen.

Make Weaning Easy Matter.
If the foal has been properly cared for during the summer months, being fed a little grain in addition to the roughage and dam's milk, weaning time will be merely a matter of separation.

Cow's Board Bill.
Keeping production records is only half the work. How much did it cost you to feed that cow that gave you 6,000 pounds of milk last year? Keep records and keep them right!

To Cut Down Cost.
Almost since time began Ohio sheriffs have been getting a nice "rakeoff" from the boarding of prisoners. They are allowed from 46 to 75 cents a day for each prisoner in their care. Now, the actual cost of keeping the prisoners is away below 45 cents, and the sheriffs have been pocketing the difference between the cost and what they are allowed to collect for feeding them. A suit has been filed in supreme court to cut off this source of revenue for the sheriffs. The contention is made in the suit that sheriffs can only draw from the public treasury the amount actually needed for the feeding of the prisoners, and that they are doing something unlawful when they stick down in their pockets anything in excess of what it costs for the keep of their charges. It only costs about 13 cents a day to feed each prisoner at the penitentiary. In the larger counties the allowance is 45 cents a day and in many of the smaller counties it is 75 cents.

Must Keep Record of Mileage.
Not content with a recently adopted plan of preventing city officials and employees to whom municipal automobiles are entrusted for public use, by which all such machines are to be painted red and marked plainly "municipal," the city council has another ordinance which will require all such city officials and employees to keep records of their mileage traveled and report it regularly. The object is to prevent "joy riding" at city expense.

Will Not Be a Candidate.
Former Lieut. Gov. W. A. Greenlund declared with emphasis at the governor's office that he would not be a candidate for another term. This announcement will be interesting to others who have aspirations for the Democratic nomination for re-election a year ago last November, losing out in the Republican landslide which retired most of the Democratic state officials then. So far there has been but one candidate to announce himself for the nomination, which Greenlund voluntarily relinquishes. J. H. Clifton of Columbus, who is assistant state school superintendent.

Dry Amendment to Constitution.
Ohio dry leaders have just received from Washington advance copies of the proposed amendment to the federal constitution which congress will be asked to submit to the legislative bodies of the various states for ratification. The exact text of the proposed amendment follows: "Section 1. The sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale and importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof and exportation thereof are hereby prohibited. Section 2. The congress of the United States shall have power, independently or concurrently, to enforce this article by all needful legislation." The next Ohio legislature will be called upon to act upon this amendment if congress submits it to the various states for ratification.

Eighty-six More Lawyers.
Harvard university, Cleveland, out of first honors at the recent state bar examination. For some years the Forest City university has been taking first place most of the time. James McKay of Youngstown, who obtained the highest grade at the examination just held, is a Harvard man. He won a grade of 92.1. Out of a class of 118 applicants 86 passed. They will become attorneys when sworn in by Chief Justice Hugh L. Nichols of the supreme court in Columbus Tuesday morning, Jan. 4. There were two women in the class who passed, Miss Esther Antin and Miss Margaret H. Cammins, both of Toledo.

Must Pay Back Fees.
The state industrial commission has discovered that the owners of a large number of boilers in the state that properly comes within the range of the boiler inspection law have been evading the law for the last two years, and they have issued orders to the state inspector, J. C. Callery, to go after these persons and collect from them the fees that they should have paid.

Child Killed by Warts.
Warts are usually a harmless physical ailment, but a fatal case was reported in Columbus, the victim being the two and a half year old daughter of Mrs. L. K. Spencer. The warts in this case grew in the child's throat and had been giving trouble for some time. Her mother intended to have them removed, but a severe cold settled in the throat and the inflammation caused swollen parts, which, with the warts, closed the air passages and suffocated the little girl.

Day Gets the Appointment.
Louis M. Day, the Chillicothe lawyer, selected by Gov. Willis to succeed O. H. Hughes of Hillsboro as the Democratic member of the Ohio public utilities commission, served in the legislature with Lawrence K. Langdon of Lebanon, one of the two Republican commissioners. Day served two terms in the house from Ross county and Langdon served two terms from Warren county. Day was a member of the committee appointed by the general assembly to probe the high cost of living. It was the first probe committee of the kind to be appointed.

Satisfactory Cement Posts.
Cement posts made with the required amount of cement have given excellent satisfaction at the Arizona Agricultural college, while posts made with little too cement have proved of little value.

Hog Needs Room.
In proportion to its size, a hog needs twice the air space that a horse or a cow does. However, he cannot stand one-half the exposure to the wind and weather.

The Old Year and the New

HARLOWE RANDALL HOYT

THE New Year comes. The Old Year goes. Adown the pathway of the years, Bent 'neath his pack of joys and woes, Of Junetide smiles and April tears, Across the fields with snowdrift white, The Old Year passes on tonight.

A TWELVEMONTH past we welcomed him. A New Year he, one year ago, But now his eye is weak and dim, He totters on with footstep slow, His voice, complaining on the breeze, Comes in the groaning of the trees.

WE watched him grow. The wintertime Ebb'd into spring, and summer, then We saw him pulse with virile pride When autumn fields were ripe again, And now, we view him at the last, Nipped by December's chilling blast.

WELL, let him go. His race is run. He was a goodly Year, indeed, So let us toast him, every one, And bid the wanderer "God-speed!" Old Year, a final health to you! You were a comrade, tried and true.

THE Old Year goes. The New Year stands Before the door and waits us here. Ho, bring him in with welcome hands. The Year is dead! Long live the Year!

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

Lord, help me reach that higher plane. Above all sorrow, selfish strife! Help me a pure life to attain, Nor count the cost, nor heed the pain, E'en though I lose this present life, While God's clear path leads heights I gain.
—Rev. Grover C. Clark.

QUAINT SOLDIER CEREMONY

How Crack Scotch Regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders, Ushers in the New Year.

The Seaforth Highlanders, one of Scotland's crack regiments now at the front, have one of the most peculiar New Year's customs of the whole British army. The ceremony is picturesque and imposing. On the night of Hogmanay, at about 10:30 o'clock, the regiment assembles in the barracks square. A few minutes later the oldest soldier in the battalion, dressed as a Druid, makes his appearance, to the accompaniment of a flourish of trumpets. Ascending the improvised throne, he calls on the veterans to show their uniforms and achievements of bygone times. To the music of the pipes and brass band veteran after veteran, arrayed in the uniforms worn by the regiment at different periods, marches past and salutes the Druid. The Druid then toasts "The Seaforth Highlanders."

After a display of Highland dancing the alarm is sounded, and the second oldest soldier, arrayed as Father Time, approaches. The veterans then retreat, leaving their honors to be guarded by their successors, and Father Time expels the Druid.

At the last stroke of midnight a loud knock is heard at the gate and out rings the sentry's challenge: "Halt! Who goes there?"

"The New Year!" comes back the answer. "Advance, New Year, and give the countersign!" is the next command. "Pass, New Year; all's well!"

The gate is then opened and the youngest boy of the battalion enters, dressed as the high chief of ancient Ross, to represent the New Year. The colonel shakes hands with the boy.

TO MAKE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Recipe That is Guaranteed to Produce Joyous Twelve-Month for Those Who Follow Directions.

Take twelve fine, fullgrown months, see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are free from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kind-

When the World's All New.

It is the same old world that we greeted on New Year's morning. But somehow it looked so different. The invisible dividing line between last year and this has made possible a new angle of vision. The grip of old passions seems to have lost its hold and a new purpose, partly old, partly new, throbs for recognition. A gentleness appears in faces thought to be hard and cynical. Happiness sparkles in the eyes of sad and lonely folk. A sort of introduction is needed to oneself. For the dawn of the new year makes possible a fresh attack on the age-old problems, another attempt to produce the best instead of the good, and a new walk down by-ways of human experience where one may be a good Samaritan with no eye but his to see and understand. The world is all new on New Year's morning—my world, your world, our world—to make over for the Kingdom.—Ralph Welles Keeler.

Musician's Sally.
Victor Herbert tells this story of two famous musicians: "De Pachmann and Goldmark once met in front of the latter's Vienna home. Goldmark was a most estimable old chap, and as everybody knows, a writer of exceptionally brilliant and melodious music, but his one great fault was his overwhelming conceit. As De Pachmann and Goldmark walked away from the composer's house the pianist pointed backward and said: "That modest little edifice will be signally distinguished some day after you are dead."

"Indeed!" said Goldmark. "Yes," continued De Pachmann, "they will decorate it with a tablet."

"And what do you suppose they will say on the tablet?" asked the composer, eagerly.

"To let!" replied De Pachmann.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Measuring Moisture in Wood.
Experts in wood technology have perfected instruments that measure the amount of moisture in wood, and thus have given to lumbermen information of the utmost value to them. Since it has saved them many thousands of dollars in freight charges. According to one writer 3,000 pounds of green lumber fresh from the saw and cut from green logs contains from four hundred to five hundred pounds of water. Nearly all fresh-cut wood is at least one-third water. Some woods contain twice as much water as others.

Baked Onions With Cheese.
Peel and cut in one-half-inch slices, large white onions. Parboil in salted water, drain, and arrange in a buttered baking dish with bits of butter, and bake until soft; then sprinkle with salt, pepper and a layer of grated cheese. Return to the oven long enough to melt the cheese.

Lemon in Your Coffee.
A slice of lemon in cold coffee adds as much to its tastiness as it does to that of iced tea, where it is more commonly used.

With a Human Sparrow.
There are few worse nuisances than the man who pines himself upon his sociability and makes a sacred duty of talk. He is a sort of human sparrow, a bird from whom you get neither song nor silence. To keep up a perpetual game of verbal shuttlecock (which he calls conversation) is with him a condition of existence. His apothegm is not cogito ergo sum, but loquitor ergo sum; and so, lest he should cease to be, he will be talking.

FEEL CHARM OF CORNWALL

Artists Fond of Depicting Beauties of Scenes in That Famous English County.

It has been said that of the two hundred or more canvases dispatched each year from Cornwall to London "seven-eighths have been painted at Newlyn or St. Ives." Certainly, in the tangled streets of the little town, wherever a window gives upon the sea be sure an easel stands. St. Ives gets its name from an Irish princess, St. Ia, who floated thither upon a leaf and landed on Penhryn, the rocky headland which St. Ives calls "the island." St. Ives sits by a smooth circle of sea into which a tongue of rocky land thrusts a bold curving headland, enclosing an inner harbor in the great sweep of the bay. Up the green hillside climb the summer homes, the villas and cottages and hotels, that belong to the transient St. Ives. As its mean winter temperature is but four degrees lower than that of Rome, it has a fair percentage of winter visitors, while in summer its hotels are crowded. St. Ives does not let its visitors interfere with its business, which is pilchard fishing—a picturesque thing to the idle looker-on, but heavy-smelling work for the fishermen—and renting studios.

NEVER BEYOND RIFLE SHOT

Farmer in the East Jordan Country Had to Be Constantly in Reach of Protection.

"Towers in Jerusalem" strengthened the walls, which were somewhat out of repair.

"Towers in the desert" and "wells" were two absolutely essential necessities in the East Jordan country in Uziah's day and to the present hour. In 1901 I visited Shobek, a fortified town less than fifty miles south of Amman, and, while standing on the huge fortifications, was told that the limit of its cultivated lands was fixed by the distance a rifle would send a bullet. In the same castle was a well with 355 steps cut in the solid rock leading to the precious water supply. Wells were dug at great expense where water was known or supposed to exist, but for every one well there were thousands of cisterns and pools "hewed out" of the solid rock. Both pools and cisterns were protected in many places by walls and towers of defense. In my journey east of the Jordan I have no doubt passed many ruins and towers dating from Uziah's time.—Christian Herald.

Cheese as an Aid to Health.
The long cherished idea that cheese should form only a small part of the daily diet recently has been challenged. Not long ago the United States department of agriculture issued a bulletin recommending the use of cheese as a cheap and wholesome substitute for meat.

An interesting and important assertion by a Swiss investigator is to the effect that persons who make cheese a considerable part of their regular diet are very resistant to many intestinal diseases, such as dysentery and the dreaded typhus fever which has desolated Serbia. According to Doctor Burri, the daily meat ration in the Swiss army has already been partly replaced by cheese, with excellent results.

Question of Tongue.
Some amount of confusion is caused by the pronunciation of the name of the town Kuprulu, or Velea, in Macedonia. The difference in nomenclature is attributable to the conflict of tongues. Kuprulu, Koprulu, or Kuprili, is the Turkish equivalent of the Bulgarian Velea and the Greek Velea, all of which refer to the same town in the vilayet (as it was under Turkish rule) of Saloniki. The ancient Greek historian Polybius speaks of the town of Bylazora, and it is believed that the Bulgarian and modern Greek names are corruptions of this. The Turkish form, with slight modification, is the cognomen of a family of statesmen who flourished from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries.—London Chronicle.

Too New-Fangled for Her.
A South side young matron purchased a motor-driven sewing machine. She sent for her mother to come and see the new treasure. Her mother came, saw and sniffed. "I don't like it," she said firmly, "and I don't want one of them. I find the same fault with it that mother found with my machine when I got it: 'I have sewed too long by hand to be converted to any of your new-fangled notions,' she declared to me when I showed her my machine in operation. 'Look at it!—Lickety-scoot! Lickety-scoot!' And that's just what I don't like about this motor thing—there's too much lickety-scoot about it."—Cleveland Leader.

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Kin Hubbard Essays

THE QUACK SPECIALIST

By KIN HUBBARD.

Nobody us ever so brave that he couldn't be scared by a quack specialist. A feller kin distinguish himself on th' field o' battle er show his courage in a thousand different ways an' yit emerge from a short, crisp consultation with a fat, glossy quack specialist tremblin' like a dime's worth o' liver. That's th' quack specialist's business. He don't care how strong and brave you are. All he asks is a little heart 't' heart, er liver 't' liver, talk with you.

After a quack specialist gits you in his studio he first sets about 't' git a line on your financial condition an' he expects you to be jist as frank an' honest with him on this subject as you are

A quack specialist with a frock-coat an' four column beard stopped for two days at th' New Palace but-tel last week an' here's some o' th' questions he asked Tipton Bud, who went 't' consult him:

Do you own any real estate?
Are your muscles sore after diggin' a cellar?
Are you hungry before breakfast?
Does eatin' a Kiefer year give you a warped view of life?
Durin' th' heated summer months do you hesitate when confronted with some arduous task?
Are you sullen an' melancholy after you've paid for a one-rib roast?
Do you notice heaviness o' th' eye-



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when you try 't' describe th' sharp, dartin' pain which departs ever' mornin' at twenty minutes after th' hour from th' base o' your skull an' runs thro' without change 't' your right heel. He has several ingenious little preliminary questions bearin' indirectly on your case which he asks, an' which, if answered truthfully, gives him a fair workin' clew on your income. No quack specialist in his right mind will disturb a tumor unless there's a farm behind it an' while there's been great progress made in th' profession o' surgery, it's impossible 't' remove a tumor without disturbin' th' farm. However, no feller wuz ever so poor that a quack specialist couldn't at least remove eight dollars from him fer a bottle o' brown water. An' jist 't' make th' operation seem more difficult he'll advise you 't' give up ter-

backer.

Do you ever notice a low, muffled gurgle in th' region o' th' pipes that carry th' air back 't' th' lobes o' th' lungs while plowin'?

So what could Tipton Bud do? I wuz up 't' him 't' either linger along fer another week er begin treatment at once. He didn't know nothin' 'bout th' connection o' th' anatomical o' th' capillary extremities o' th' vena cava with those o' th' portal vein an' he wuz in no mood 't' take chances.

REFORMS

By KIN HUBBARD.

Next 't' th' letter that we long fer, their haint nothin' that comes as slow as reforms.

After many anxious years o' waitin' two-thirds o' th' states o' th' Union have passed laws fixin' th' weight o' a bushel o' cowpeas at fifty-six pounds. It has been a tedious process but th' people won in the end. Fer years th' puny hoghead stood uncovered near th' grocery door while th' tub oysters reclined agin' th' hitchin' rack an' th' mackerel barrel wuz th' prize fly catcher o' th' period. It's a wonder those who went 't' hear Jenny Lind er Henry Clay ever lived 't' tell th' tale when you think o' th' ole-time grocery.

Folks used 't' wait patiently fer Saturday 't' come 't' take a bath er depended on musk. It took years an' years 't' break up th' ole musk practice. Th' business men used 't' take ten minutes 't' worry down, a heavy dinner an' indigestion reaped a rich harvest. 'T'day th' humblest banker takes three hours. He's thinkin' while he eats, but he's away from th' din o' th' addin' machines an' th' odor o' musty bills. A feller's personal ap-



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